

**THE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON THE VALIDATION OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS
AND
THE NTP INTERAGENCY CENTER FOR THE
EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE TOXICOLOGICAL METHODS**

The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) was established in 1997 by the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) to implement NIEHS directives in Public Law 103-43. P.L. 103-43 directed NIEHS to develop and validate new test methods, and to establish criteria and processes for the validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological testing methods. P. L. 106-545, the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000, established ICCVAM as a permanent committee. The Committee is composed of representatives from 15 Federal regulatory and research agencies and programs that generate, use, or provide information from toxicity test methods for risk assessment purposes. The Committee coordinates cross-agency issues relating to development, validation, acceptance, and national/international harmonization of toxicological test methods.

The National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (Center) was established in 1998 to provide operational support for the ICCVAM, and to carry out committee-related activities such as peer reviews and workshops for test methods of interest to Federal agencies. The Center and ICCVAM coordinate the scientific review of the validation status of proposed methods and provide recommendations regarding their usefulness to appropriate agencies. The NTP Center and ICCVAM seek to promote the validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that will enhance agencies' abilities to assess risks and make decisions, and that will refine, reduce, and replace animal use. The ultimate goal is the validation and regulatory acceptance of new test methods that are more predictive of human and ecological effects than currently available methods.

Additional Information

Additional information can be found at the ICCVAM/Center Website: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov> and in the publication: *Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods, a Report of the ad hoc Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods* (NIH Publication No. 97-3981, or you may contact the Center at telephone 919-541-3398, or by e-mail at iccvam@niehs.nih.gov. Specific questions about ICCVAM and the Center can be directed to the ICCVAM Co-chairs:

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ICCVAM Agencies and Programs

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Consumer Product Safety Commission	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Department of Agriculture	National Institutes of Health, Office of the Director
Department of Defense	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
Department of Energy	National Library of Medicine
Department of Interior	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Department of Transportation	
Environmental Protection Agency	
Food and Drug Administration	